

STATE PROBLEMS TO BE SUBJECTS FOR CONFERENCE

REPRESENTATIVE GATHERING TO BE PRESENT AT U. OF O. THIS MONTH.

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, Dec. 4.—Letters to F. G. Young, professor of sociology at the University of Oregon, show so much interest in the approaching state commonwealth conference that a very representative gathering is in prospect. The letters come from legislators, social service workers, city officials, state officials, clubwomen, and citizens at large. The conference dates are December 10, 11 and 12, and sessions will be in Villard hall, on the University campus.

Discussion of at least three state problems is to be followed by specific recommendations on each to the legislature next month.

The conference committee on unemployment is expected to recommend public employment agencies, at which laboring men may get without charge information about jobs. Cooperation is expected from Washington, which, on November 9, passed an initiative measure that put private employment agencies out of business. Unemployment insurance, farm colonies, and so on, would be a later development.

Another committee appointed by the last commonwealth conference is expected to recommend a bill to provide for incorporation of any city and its tributary watershed area into a district, for water power development. The purpose is to bring about more extensive and cheaper use of electricity in town and country; also to make power more readily and cheaply available for factories. The league of Oregon municipalities, which is to take part in all the sessions of this conference, is especially interested in hydro-electric legislation.

The various elements interested in state administration will probably recommend a more centralized system of state administration. Bureaus, boards, commissions, and departments doing work of the same general class may be recommended for federation under central heads. State officials, members of the various bodies affected, legislators, citizens generally, granges, and clubwomen are to participate in this discussion. The intention of the legislature to take up such a reorganization of state administration has already been announced by members of the Multnomah delegation.

Professor Young, who is a member of several of the conference committees, on behalf of the citizens who will utilize the University hall as a meeting place for these discussions, requests the attendance of all interested citizens of public spirit who can come.

Governor-elect Withycombe will open the conference on the morning of December 10.

TIES HIS FEET TOGETHER AND THEN LEAPS TO DEATH

DESPONDENT BECAUSE OF POOR HEALTH MAN ENDS ALL AT BAKER.

BAKER, Ore., Dec. 2.—Despondent over failure to find good health in Baker, William A. Alexander, a recent arrival from Los Angeles, went to the city emergency reservoir on the edge of the city, tied his legs together with a piece of wire, filled his pockets with brick and jumped in to his death. The body was found at noon today.

Mr. Alexander was a carpenter and contractor. He came here from Los Angeles with his wife two weeks ago. All idea of possible murder was eliminated by the fact that, before starting on the walk yesterday he left his pocketbook and watch with his wife. Alexander was a member of the Mason's lodge at Meeker, Colo.

ROUMANIANS EAGER TO JOIN IN THE WAR

BUCHAREST, Dec. 3.—Roumania is fairly wild to get into the war.

It seems certain that in the end it will do so. The royal family opposes it. It might not do so if popular opinion favored Germany, for Roumanian royalty is strongly pro-German.

The people, however, are for Russia. This is partly owing to the two countries' racial relationship. It is also for the more material reason that the Roumanians want to acquire the Austrian provinces of Transylvania and Bukovina.

If Roumania were on Germany's side—which is out of the question in any event, on account of its Russian sympathies—it naturally could not get this territory, Austria being the Germans' ally.

It is not entirely certain that it can get them both from Russia, either. The czar presumably would have no objection to seeing Transylvania Roumanianized, but he has already pretty effectually conquered Bukovina, and may want to keep it for himself.

This undoubtedly explains why Roumania has kept out of the war so long. The people do not take into consideration the fact that any material advantage may be gained by waiting, and are very impatient. Roumanian diplomats, however, are anxious to wait until some very critical stage for the allies, and especially for Russia, is reached. They figure that they can drive a better bargain at such a time.

Kaiser Rewards General Likman. LONDON, Dec. 3.—Reuter's Amsterdam correspondent says Emperor William has awarded the Order of Merit to Lieutenant-General Likman, commander of the guards division and military correspondent for the Tagliche Rundschau, for distinguished service at the battle of Lodz.

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